

JOY REIGNS IN DIXIE LAND

ONE PROFITABLE COTTON CROP AND ANOTHER ASSURED.

Unplanted Cotton Already Sold at Profitable Prices For Delivery When Grown—Beneficial Effects of Diversified Agriculture.

(Special Correspondence.) NEW ORLEANS, March 26.—To say that in a single year cotton has raised the south from poverty to affluence may be overstating the facts, but not much.

Cotton can be raised for 5 cents a pound, and the crop of 1899 has been sold at a profit of from 50 to 90 per cent. There has been much talk about overproduction in 1900, but many planters have protected their own interests by selling their crop in advance at 7½, 8 and 8½ cents.

Selling unplanted cotton for delivery when grown is no new idea, but it has never before been done so generally, and on such favorable terms. At the prices secured the planter knows what he can depend upon, and, as his profits on such a basis are ample, he is willing that some other fellow should make whatever additional velvet higher prices next September may imply.

The present high prices are of course based upon the short crop of 1899, estimated at not over 9,000,000 bales. A crop of 10,000,000 bales would not satisfy the demand. American manufacturers got ahead of their English brethren in securing all the cotton obtainable during the last few months, and foreign spinners are obliged to wait for new cotton to fill some of their contracts. It will thus be seen that the present purchases of options are for the delivery of actual cotton and are not speculative transactions.

The exact operation of selling unplanted cotton for delivery when grown is not complicated. The most active factor is the country merchant, who must establish credit or put up margins with brokers in some cotton center of the south or in New York. He must also deal only with planters who are responsible or who put up margins to guarantee the delivery of their cotton when grown in accordance with their contract. The transaction passes through two or three middlemen in going from the planter to the manufacturer, but if the deal is properly protected from start to finish each of the parties to it is working on a certainty. If the price at the time of delivery is high, the planter has paid for his insurance and the manufacturer is so much ahead. If the final price is low, the manufacturer has paid liberally for the certainty under which he has been working, and the planter is a bigger winner than he anticipated.

The chances are that such a price will prevail that both planter and man-

agriculture the south is in a healthier condition than it has ever before been, and there is no apparent prospect of a relapse into the evils of overcropping.

It is astounding how cotton runs into money. A bale is 500 pounds and at 8 cents a pound is worth \$40. Ten million bales, an average crop in the south, would at this price bring to the planters the round sum of \$400,000,000. With diversified industry this is only a part of the revenues of the recently impoverished section of this United States, and from Maine to California, from Duluth to New Orleans, there is general and sincere rejoicing over the good fortune that has come to Dixie.

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WAISTS AND HATS.

Birds Will Not Be Seen on Fashionable Headgear.

(Special Correspondence.)

NEW YORK, March 27.—Go into a store today and your ears will be assailed by unknown words, runcunda, madopolan, hamartaine and many other others, and they all have reference to the new stuffs in the fancy shirt waists. They have a faraway oriental look in the figurings and make more striking than elegant garments. The most remarkable of them are made of the square handkerchiefs such as the East Indians wear upon their heads. These have the centers of a sort of cream, with a mingling of all the other



SOME OF THE NEWEST WAISTS.

colors in the world printed along the edges and in the corners. The waists being of these, they are arranged so as to produce the best effects. The one most often seen has the body of the cream color and a pointed yoke in the back and a simulated figure in front of the colored part, with a narrow soft fringe along each place possible of being thus trimmed.

Women are wildly pushing and scrambling for the inestimable pleasure of paying \$25 for one of these. The others cost nearly as much. There are some daintier waists made of Irish linen, hand embroidered. These sell for \$20 to \$25. Plain linen is also made up, but it is so tucked that it becomes almost another fabric. One novelty is where the sleeves as well as the waist are made of ribbon and lace sewed together in stripes and then molded into the proper shape. These are certainly very pretty, and that they have come to stay is evident from the number of them on sale in graded sizes and in all colors. Piques, dimity Oxford, Japanese habutai, taffeta, Scotch wash flannel in beautiful designs and all the other things that mortal minds can imagine are produced for the purpose of making up this way.

In the illustration are shown some of the leading styles, leaving out the figaro, which is only a side issue intended to exploit the imported squares. One very graceful waist is of pastel cloth tucked on the chest and sleeves and draped across the waist in the swathed fashion. There are small revers of brown velvet and gilt buttons. The ribbon and lace waist is represented in black and red, with the yoke of cut out work over white silk. A waist to match the rest of the costume was of pearl cloth lined with silk, with a pattern of open applique on the waist in silver and pale pink and green silk floss. The sleeves were wrought with the same design, and on the bottom of the skirt each side of the front seams the same design was carried out. For a grand dinner or opera there was a lovely Marie Antoinette flimsy of snowy silk mull bordered by a motif in choice black lace. NEW! At the neck of a dress of gray, draped surah, the figures being in a darker shade. The very young ladies may wear low necked dresses all through Lent if they

only keep their long gloves on and their eyes cast down in modest humility. A waist for "small and earlies" is of tulle spangled in a highly effective manner, there being one green one surrounded by silver ones much smaller. The waist is draped in that uncouth manner now the rage among young girls. I refer to the new "figure." The upper part of the neck is draped full, with tulle in rosettes over the top of the shoulders. I must say a word of warning to all the women who are discarding their old corsets in favor of these ridiculous ones called by various fanciful names. The main object of those is to make women believe they are desirable and worth from \$12 to \$50 a pair. They are cut so as to leave the bust entirely free and to produce a straight line down the front to allow for at least one more plate of ice cream without discomfort. They are long in front and over the hips, and the strain to support the abdomen is all thrown directly on the small of the back. They are guaranteed to reduce a high figure at once. Now, two and two make four every time they are added. If a woman weighs 200 in her stocking feet, a pair of cinch corsets are not going to remove 20 or 30 pounds at one fell swoop. No; these superfluous pounds are still there, but they are squeezed into some other place.

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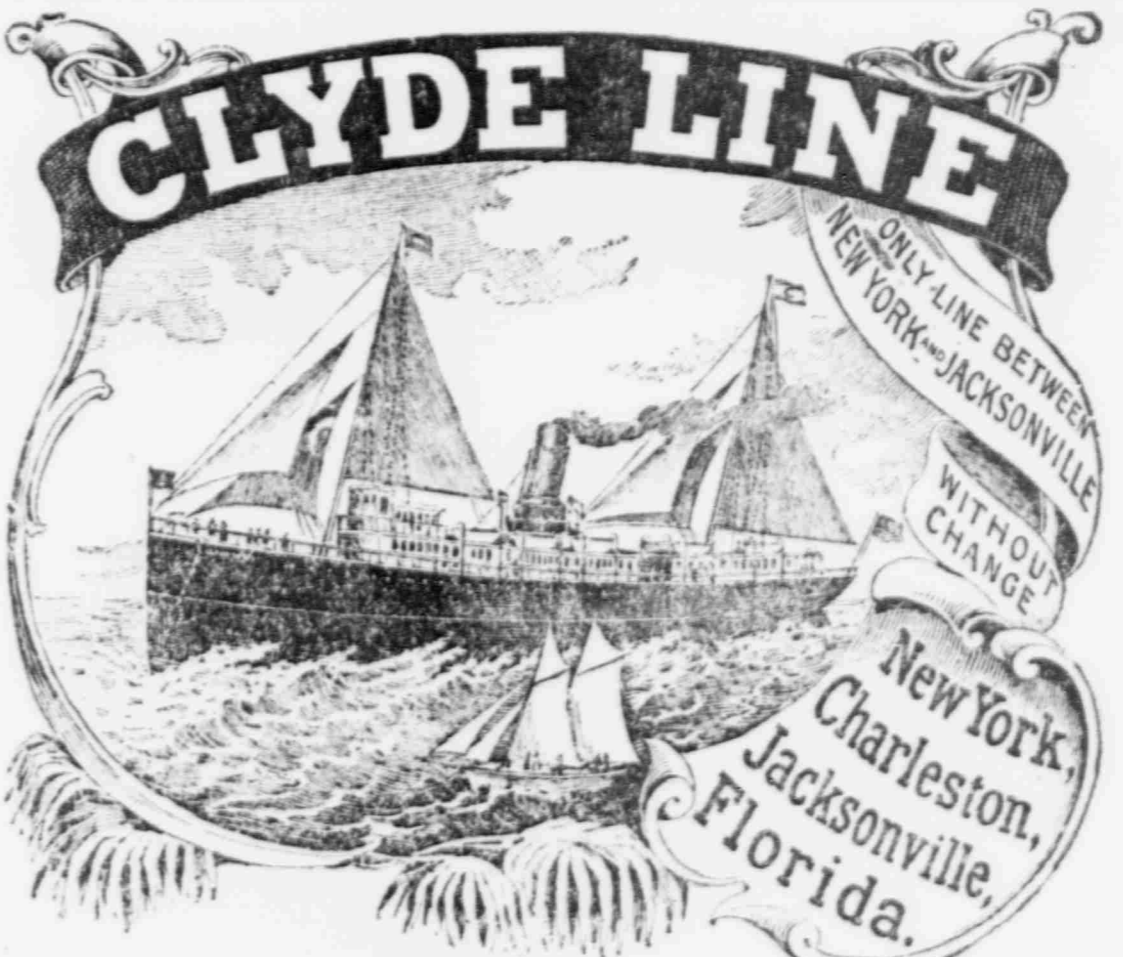
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